

REMARKS

Claims 6-8 are presently pending. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to overcome the rejection based upon 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The claims of record now distinguish between a "first compartment" and a "second compartment"; both compartments are recited with clarity. The first compartment is identified by reference numeral 10, while the second compartment is identified by reference numeral 11.

Claims 6-8 have been more specifically drawn to include a hinge line, and to present further details regarding the first and second compartments. The main advantage attributable to the hinge line is that the first and second compartments will be substantially similar in size. This factor, in turn, allows the flap 22 of the pouch to cover both compartments, and maintain the contents thereof in a protected environment.

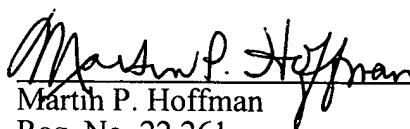
Such capability is absent in Curtis, which discloses a pouch with one sealed pocket 14 of a larger size, and a second, upwardly opening pocket 15 of a smaller size; see FIGS. 3 and 6 of Curtis.

The secondary references to Ausnit fails to disclose, or even suggest, applicant's pouch, with two compartments of equal size, sealed by a single flap.

In view of the amendments to claims 6 and 7, the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and 35 USC 102(b), and 35 USC 103(a), have been rendered moot. Prompt, and favorable, consideration of claims 6-8 is clearly in order.

In the event that the Examiner believes that a telephone interview might resolve any issue in contest, or advance prosecution in a meaningful manner, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney, via phone, at 703.415.0100.

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